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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of : Robert B. Harris et al.
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Title : HIGH LEVEL INSECT EXPRESSION OF RAGE
PROTEINS
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 28 of the Specification with the following:

Results from an ELISA of the supernatants and cell pellets are shown in Table 1 below. The ELISA was performed essentially as described above. Protein concentration was quantified by the Bradford protein assay (Bradford, M.A., *Anal. Chem.*, 72:238-254 (1976). It can be seen that the expression system reproducibly provides >100 mg/L and as much as 270 mg/L recombinant sRAGE (Table 1).